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<p><u>This report is the result of a joint collection effort by the Air Force, the Navy, the Army, and CIA and is disseminated in accordance with the provisions of NSCID #7.</u></p> <p>1. </p> <p>2. The training curriculum of this school was the following:</p> <p>a. 1st two weeks: School of the soldier, facings and marching. Political classes - two hours of classroom theory every other day, including history of the Hungarian Workers' Party, history of the USSR Communist Party, Leninism, Marxism, Stalinism, Rakosi, etc. History of Russia since 1917, and the history of Hungarian uprisings of 1848, 1918, and 1945. </p> <p> In addition, on alternate days, one hour was set aside for self study on political subjects. During the course of these lectures, the Soviet Union was spending its money for peace while the West was spending for future war. For this reason, the Soviet Union and the East were about 15 to 20% ahead of the West industrially.</p> <p>ARMY review completed. Release as redacted.</p>			
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b. Second two weeks: Most of this time was devoted to nomenclature, characteristics, techniques of fire and range firing of the M 48 (Soviet model) rifle, M 38, 7.62 mm submachine gun, 7.62 mm Maxim BMG and the M 48, 7.62 mm LMG. [] practiced with the M 48, Hungarian-made, "potato masher" type grenade. There was no training with mortars or artillery. Political training continued.

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c. From the fifth week on [] engaged in infantry combat tactics and operational combat tactics. The operational combat tactics included:

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- (1) Conduct of border patrols.
- (2) Observation post duty.
- (3) Ambush techniques.
- (4) Observation from camouflaged observation posts.
- (5) Contact patrol duty.
- (6) Arrest procedures.
- (7) Procedure to be followed in case of an alarm.
- (8) Pursuit.
- (9) Surveillance.

During this training, [] acquainted with rights and restrictions placed on the use of arms by the border guards.

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[] had shouted, "Halt"! twice, []

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[] open fire if the person had not halted. [] in methods of searching and disarming border crossers. Physical training and political training continued.

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3. Other AVO training areas []

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a. Border guard training.

- (1) Szeged $46^{\circ} 15'N - 20^{\circ} 09'E$
- (2) Nagyatad $46^{\circ} 13'N - 17^{\circ} 21'E$
- (3) Sopron $47^{\circ} 41'N - 16^{\circ} 36'E$
- (4) Kiskunhalas $46^{\circ} 26'N - 19^{\circ} 29'E$
- (5) Fót $47^{\circ} 36'N - 19^{\circ} 12'E$ -- NCO school

b. Interior security training:

- (1) Szeged
- (2) Szombathely $47^{\circ} 14'N - 16^{\circ} 37'E$
- (3) Nyirbator $47^{\circ} 50'N - 22^{\circ} 08'E$
- (4) Debrecen $47^{\circ} 31'N - 21^{\circ} 39'E$

4. After completion of basic training, [] sent to a border outpost located near Kútfej $46^{\circ} 33'N - 16^{\circ} 33'E$ for border guard duty. This outpost consisted of 50 or 60 men who manned 10 or 12 border outposts. These men were organized into a platoon commanded by Lt Andras Balazs, with Lt Jozsef Foldi as political officer. The platoon had five squads and our heavy weapons consisted of two 7.62 mm Maxim, BMG and five 7.62, Model 48 LMG. [] also armed with the M 48 rifle and the Model 38 submachine gun. By January 1956, due to the reduction of forces, [] platoon was reduced to 40 men.

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[] the outpost was reduced to 25 men. [] normal tour of duty called for two men to man an observation post for eight hours while the remainder of the platoon conducted patrol duty. After the reduction of forces, outpost duty remained the same, but the number of patrols was reduced. As reinforcements, there was one battalion of BM BK (AVO Interior Security Troops) at Lovaszi $46^{\circ} 32'N - 16^{\circ} 33'E$, consisting of 450-500 men with duty of guarding the oilfield there. In the event of an alarm this battalion was to come to the aid [] next highest headquarters was located in Nagykanizsa $46^{\circ} 27'N - 16^{\circ} 59'E$.

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5. The area [] consisted of a wire-fenced area, a mine field, a strip of plowed ground all equipped with rockets, electric bells and anti-personnel mines. Four persons were arrested [] in this area when they attempted to cross the border into Yugoslavia illegally. If the officers and NCOs were not in the vicinity, at times [] persons cross unmolested. The penalty for allowing persons to cross the border was five years in prison. [] There were no special marks on the passports of those persons living in the border region, but special passes had to be obtained from [] platoon leader in order to enter the border region. This region was divided into two areas, a 50-meter area and a 500-meter area. Passes for entrance into these areas were valid only from 0700 until sunset. 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1
6. [] Yugoslav nationals attempt to cross the border into Hungary. Once, however, a Yugoslav border guard fired across the border and killed a Hungarian border guard named Sandor Varga. This was in November 1955. 25X1
7. [] Most of this training was concerned with clearance of minefields. [] the work of clearing all minefields along the border between Hungary and Austria. This battalion consisted of a headquarters, located in Budapest, and four engineer companies of four platoons each. Each platoon had about 37 men and was divided into four squads. The battalion was commanded by Captain Sandor Gross. All personnel engaged in this work had been trained at Nagyatad. This was very dangerous work as all the mines had been in the ground for a long time. [] they had been laid by the Army in 1948-49. Several persons were killed during this operation. While engaged in this work, [] quartered at Kosszeg [47° 23'N - 16° 32'E], Sopron [47° 41'N - 16° 36'E], Kapuvár [47° 36'N - 17° 02'E], Mosonszentjanos [47° 46'N - 17° 08'E], and Kunsag [47° 42'N - 17° 00'E]. 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1
8. [] work was conducted in the areas very similar to the one [] had been guarding, i e, two wire fences each about 190 centimeters high, located about two meters apart. Between the two fences, there were barbed wire trip wires and anti-personnel mines were sown in this area. In addition, there was a smooth earth plowed strip about 15 or 20 meters wide located anywhere from 6 to 60 meters, depending on the terrain, from the wire fence on the Hungarian side of the border. The area between the fence and the plowed strip was also sown with anti-personnel mines. These minefields had been marked with red triangular metal flags indicating extent and direction of the field. Two types of anti-personnel mines were involved. One of these was the Model 38, wooden, hinged, "shuk" mine and the other was the Model 48 cylindrical mine. [] two types of mine detectors, the Soviet mine detector and a Hungarian type (manufactured by MDM) which was superior to the Soviet one. Each morning the company commander would brief each detail with a map which showed the area, location and extent of the minefield, and the type of mine involved. If the minefield consisted of the M 38 mine, [] If, however, the minefield held the M 48 mine, [] placed about 70 grams of trotyl beside the mine and detonated the trotyl and the mine by means of a pull wire and fuse. 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1

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9. When this work had been completed, i e, all mines had been completely cleared from the Austrian-Hungarian border, [redacted] border guard outpost located at Nagycenk $47^{\circ} 36'N - 16^{\circ} 42'E$ on 10 Oct 56. This outpost was identical to the one at Kútfej and was commanded by Lt Ferenc Illes. The political officer was Sr Lt Jozsef Gatszegy.

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10. [redacted] an alarm was posted for the border guards. This meant [redacted] on duty for 12 hours instead of the normal eight, [redacted] additional ammunition, [redacted] new Goryunov LM3s [redacted] required to sleep in our uniforms. Later, our political officer informed us that the alarm was due to the fact that the Blue AV0 were attempting to cross the border into Austria near Sopron. On 23 Oct 56, [redacted] a direct order to fire at anyone who approached the border from the Hungarian side. Beginning on 24 Oct 56, however, [redacted] disregarded this order and allowed Hungarians to cross the border when they declared that they had relatives in DeutschKreuz, Austria.

11. [For insignia and uniform, see Paragraph 2 of on file notice at end of report.]

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12. As a private, [redacted] 160 forints per month. [redacted] PFC, [redacted] 170 or 180 forints, [redacted] As a corporal, [redacted] 190 forints, while sergeants made 210 forints. Senior sergeants, sergeants first class and master sergeants received about 1200 forints per month base pay with additions depending upon the assignment. While working in the minefields, [redacted] 370 forints for hazardous duty. [redacted] a certificate and a medal when this work was completed.

1. Sketch of Hungarian-made mine detector.
2. Sketch showing uniforms of Border Guard corporal.]

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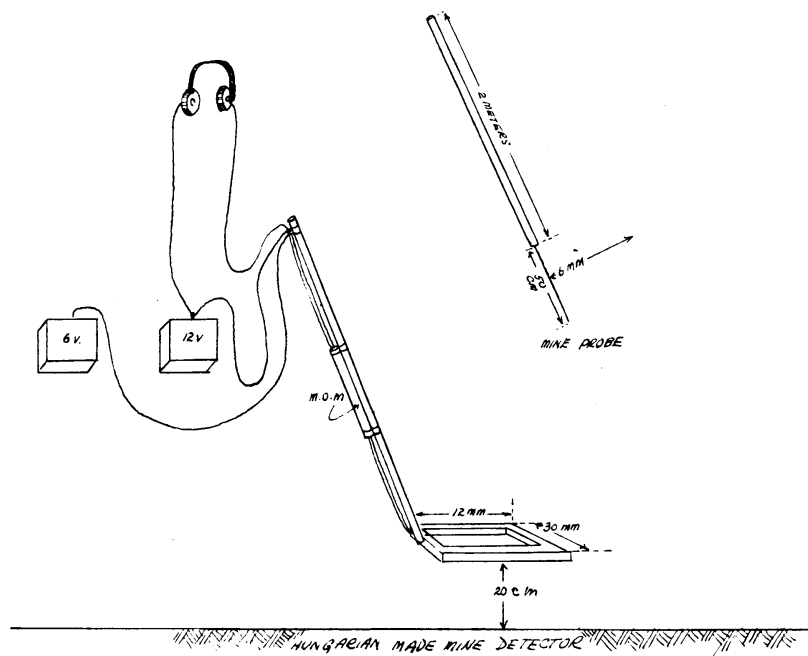
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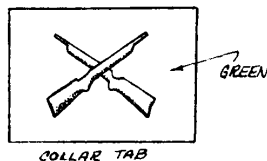
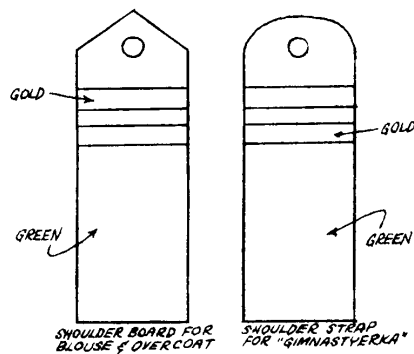
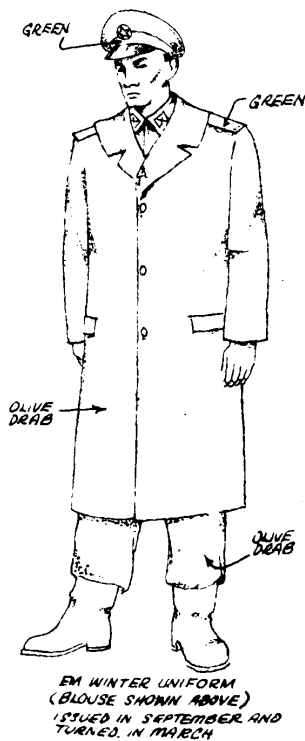
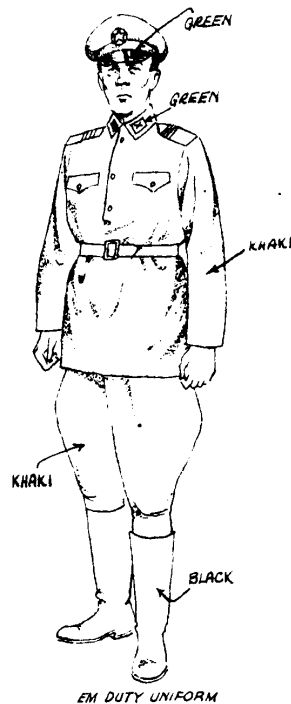
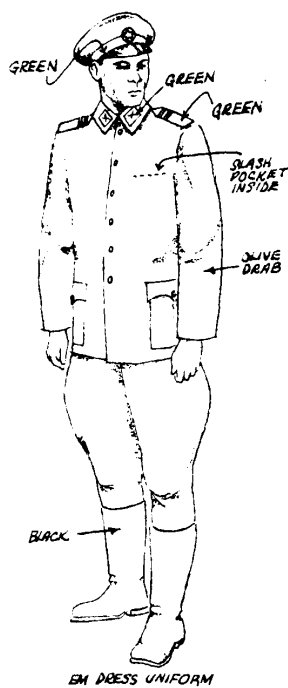
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